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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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Morning Meeting of 23 February 1965

General Carter was in the Chair. DCI was in Boston.

Current Intelligence Briefing covered: Vietnam, including Khanh's assignment as a "roving Ambassador"; preliminary assessment of the

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discussion between Indonesia and Malaysia in Bangkok; UAR efforts to arrange air shipments of arms to Congo rebels through Tanzania snagged because the Tanzanian airfield will not accommodate AM-12's; at least two Uganda battalions appear to be operating in Eastern Congo; formation of new Sudanese cabinet delayed by Leftist demands for more representation; arrest of Communist leaders in Panama;

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Sheldon for DDS&T reported that CORONA 1017 is currently scheduled for launch on 24 February. He noted that a final look at another South China flight will be taken at 2 p. m. this afternoon. Sheldon noted that, if the flight takes place, the requirements will have been fulfilled. General Carter asked that he look into the requirements with a view to making a fresh reading.

Houston reported that the Agency's Early Retirement regulations are okay with all concerned. Official letters from Congressional committees are being sent to us. General Carter directed that all cases coming under the regulations, at least for the time being, be acted upon by the DCI with prior review by DDCI.

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Chretien noted that Congressman Gallagher will make a speech on the Floor tomorrow on Vietnam. He was briefed in State yesterday.

Kent reported on successful meetings with the [redacted] and said another such meeting would take place in May.

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Kent noted some sentiment in the Pentagon, specifically with Fubini, to make more National Intelligence available to contractors. Kent noted that USIB has never agreed to this proposition.

DDI reported on the need to provide additional information to the [redacted] on the NVN role in the Vietnam war. DCI has arranged for a team to [redacted] later this week to discuss the subject if the Ambassador concurs. The DCI may make the trip himself.

Executive Director reported on his conversations with Macy on Saturday re summer employment. All contacts have now been made and the Agency's Summer Employment Program will proceed. General Carter wants to review the draft Agency notice and wants a plan developed to ensure adequate responses from Executive and Congressional offices in the event of inquiries. DDS explained that all summer employment applicants will be examined and they will be selected on merit.

General Carter noted news accounts of official Indian statements about an increase in ChiCom troops in the Tibetan border area. He asked that this be checked with a view to new [redacted] of the area while [redacted]

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General Carter reported on current thinking and planning in the DOD [redacted]

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DDCI asked for a DDS&T assessment of the implications of current news stories about the maneuvering capabilities of the Titan IIIA. He wants to know how this affects the Titan II Program and what the value of the Titan IIIA is.

DDCI asked the Inspector General in the course of his survey of NPIC to look into personnel rotation programs as covered in correspondence between General Carter and General Carroll.

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General Carter directed that a round-up memo be prepared on the supply ship and the arms cache found on the East Vietnam coast.

General Carter asked that we watch closely all reports on [redacted] [redacted] He asked that a memo be prepared on what we know to date.

General Carter inquired about the [redacted] report and whether it is satisfactory to us. Neither DDI nor Acting AD/CI had read it in its entirety, but the view of the Agency Vietnam Task Force is that it contains nothing of harm.

General Carter noted that a military intelligence school is to be established at SAC. He asked DDS to provide details on this as to its purpose, whether or not CIA might provide instructors, and whether or not DIA is aware of and participating in the project.

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